

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION
REGARDING
THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 286-2013/HEA 1427, the Indiana State Board of Education (“Board”) has a statutory obligation to adopt state academic standards by July 1, 2014 (IC 20-19-2-14.5; see also IC 20-31-3);

WHEREAS, the Board shall authorize the development and implementation of the Indiana Statewide Assessment for Educational Progress (“ISTEP”) (IC 20-32-5-4(a)(1)) and may establish assessments to supplement the ISTEP program (IC 20-32-5-21(d); see also IC 20-31-8-1);

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent (“Superintendent”) is responsible for the overall development, implementation, and monitoring of the ISTEP program (IC 20-32-5-4(b));

WHEREAS, the Department shall design the specifications for the ISTEP program and any other state assessment programs as authorized or approved by the Board (IC 20-32-5-4(c); IC 20-32-5-21(d); see also IC 20-31-8-1);

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of the ISTEP and the End of Course Assessments (“ECA”) programs is necessary to realign those programs with new state academic standards;

AND WHEREAS, a comprehensive assessment review shall be collaborative, transparent, and focused on students, so that the state assessment program is rigorous and aligned with the new academic standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chair shall create a Special Committee on Assessments (“Committee”).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the task of the Committee (“scope of work”) shall be to provide recommendations to the Education Roundtable and the Board for the adoption of the state’s assessment program that shall replace the current ISTEP and ECA programs, align with new state academic standards, and be ready for full implementation not sooner than the 2015- 2016 academic school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Committee shall consist of the following Board members: Troy Albert, Andrea Neal, Sarah O’Brien, Brad Oliver, Cari Whicker and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who shall serve as Chair of the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Committee shall be staffed by the Center for Education & Career Innovation and the Indiana Department of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Committee may solicit expert advice and expend Board funds appropriated by the Indiana General Assembly in HEA 1001(2013) to

complete the scope of work. The Board Director shall have responsibility to manage the budgeting and procurement processes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Committee shall issue an RFP to testing vendors no later than April 31, 2014, or at a later date as determined by a majority of the Committee members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the scope of work shall be presented to the Board in a formal report no later than June 30, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the work of the Committee shall be transparent and open to the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Committee shall make recommendations in compliance with statutory regulations as described in IC 20-32-5.

ADOPTED ON: